

National Park Service



Big Thicket National Preserve Hunting Program

Each year, Big Thicket National Preserve issues free hunting permits. This year, permits will be issued from July 1 until February 28 at the Preserve Visitor Center at the intersection of Highway 69 and FM 420 approximately 8 miles north of Kountze, Texas. The Visitor Center is opened daily except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Permits will be issued from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Hunters are allowed to take white-tailed deer, squirrel, rabbit, wild/feral hog, and waterfowl from specific areas within the Preserve. Each hunter must be present to receive a permit. Hunters can only receive a permit for one hunting unit. Adults are required to have a driver's license or other state-issued official identification. Minors are required to have some type of official identification, such as a birth certificate, school identification card, etc. Mail and/or telephone requests will not be accepted.

The six management units available for hunting are as follows:

The **Big Sandy Creek Unit** is located south of the Alabama/Coushatta Indian Reservation between Livingston and Woodville within Polk County. Topography is varied rolling hills with mixed soils, including dry upland soils. Big Sandy Creek bisects the unit; Menard Creek is in the southeast corner. There are 8,850 acres available for hunting.

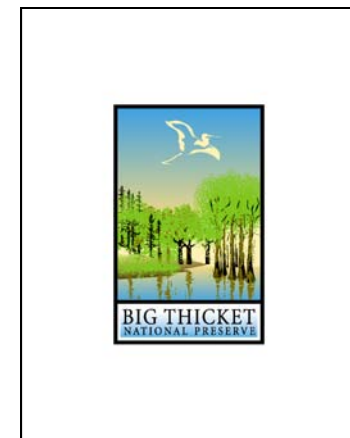
The **Beech Creek Unit** is located northwest of Spurger on FM2992 in Tyler County. Topography is gently rolling with well-drained soils. There are 3,350 acres available for hunting.

The hunting area in the **Beaumont Unit** is the island that is formed by the LNVA Canal, the Neches River, and the Pine Island Bayou. The island is located in Hardin County. Topography is generally flat with poorly drained soils. There are 3,900 acres available for hunting. **This unit is only accessible by boat.**

The **Jack Gore Baygall Unit** is located 10 miles north of Silsbee, east of Highway 92, and west of the Neches River. The topography is generally flat except along the river where steep bluffs occur. The unit is split east and west by the Neches River and lies in both Hardin and Jasper Counties. The hunting area is in Hardin County. There are 8,000 acres available for hunting.

The **Neches Bottom Unit** is located 7 miles north of Evadale on the east side of the Neches River in Jasper and Hardin Counties. The hunting area is in Jasper County. The topography is generally flat except for steep bluffs along the river. There are 2,300 acres available for hunting. **This unit is only accessible by boat.**

The **Lance Rosier Unit** is roughly located within the triangle of highways connecting Kountze, Sour Lake, and Saratoga. This is the largest of the units opened to hunting. The unit is located in Hardin County. Topography is flat and contains poorly drained soils. Two drainages are located in this unit, i.e., the Little Pine Island Bayou and Black Creek. There are 21,000 acres available for hunting.



Texas Hunter Safety Education Course Certification is required pursuant to the requirements of the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife.